ACKNOWLEDGEMENT COPY I CHEN BUT (CHICALI CHILL COLLEGE OF YES) SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS P.O.Box PROOF OF CLAIM United States Bankruptcy Court 61288, Houston TX 77208 (Houston Division) Name of Debtors Case Number 788-45517 $\underline{\mathbf{X}}$ Stage Stores, Inc., a Delaware corporation. 00-35078-H2-11 Creditor ID#: Specialty Retailers, Inc., a Texas corporation 00-35079-H2-11 Specialty Retailers, Inc. (NV), a Nevada corporation 00-35080-H2-11 'place an "x" beside the name of the Debtor you are filing a claim. against Name of Creditor (The person or other entity to whom the debtor owes: Check box if you are aware that money or property): anyone else a filed a proof of claim relating to your claim. Attach copy of statement Monarch Marking Systems Inc. giving particulars. Name and address where notices should be sent: Check box if you have never received any notices from the ******************************AUTO**ALL FOR AADC 453 bankruptcy court in this case Monarch Marking Systems Inc. PO Box 608 Check box if the address Dayton OH 45401-0608 differs from the address on the envelope sent to you by the court. Check here replaces Account or other number by which creditor identifies debtor: if this claim a previously filed claim, dated: ______ __ amends 12368 Retiree benefits as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 1114(a) 1. Basis for Claim Wages, salaries, and compensation (Fill out below) XXGoods sold Services performed Your SS#: _____ - ___ - ____ Money loaned Unpaid compensation for services performed Personal injury/wrongful death Taxes from (date) Other Date debt was incurred: 3. If court judgment, date obtained: MAY 2000 2670.40 Total Amount of Claim at Time Case Filed: \$ If all or part of your claim is secured or entitled to priority, also complete Item 5 or 6 below. Check this box if claim includes interest or other charges in addition to the principal amount of the claim. Attach itemized statement of all interest or additional charges. 6. Unsecured Priority Claim. Secured Claim. Check this box if your claim is secured by collateral (Including a Check this box if you have an unsecured priority claim. right of setoff). Amount entitled to priority \$ ____ Specify the priority of the claim: Brief Description of Collateral: Wages, salaries, or commissions (up to \$4,300),* earned within 90 days before filing of Real Estate ___ Motor Vehicle the bankruptcy petition or cessetion of the debtor's business, whichever is earlier - 11. Other All personal and intangible property of Debtor's Estate: U.S.C. § 507(a)(3) Contributions to an employee benefit plan - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(4). Value of Collateral: \$ Up to \$1,950° of deposits toward purchase, lease, or rental of property or services for personal, family, or household use - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(6), Alimony, maintenance, or support owed to a spouse, former apouse, or child - 11 U.S.C. § 507(p)(7). Taxes or penalties owed to governmental units - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(8). Amount of arrearage and other charges at time case filed included in Other -- Specify applicable paragraph of 11 U.S.C. § 507(e-_ secured claim, if any \$; *Amounts are subject to adjustment on 4/1/98 and every 3 years thereafter with respect to Cases commenced on or after the date of edjustment. Credits: The amount of all payments on this claim has been credited and deducted for This Space is for Court Use Only the purpose of making this proof of claim. Supporting Documents: Attach copies of supporting documents, such as promissory notes, purchase orders, invoices, itemized statements of running accounts, contracts, court judgments, mortgages, security agreements, and evidence of perfection of lien. DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. If the documents are not available, explain. If the documents are voluminous, attach a summary. Date-Stamped Copy: To receive an acknowledgment of the filing of your claim, enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope and copy of this proof of cigim. Dete Sign and point the name and title, if any, of the creditor or other person authorized to file this claim. (attach copy of power of attorney, if any): 8-11-00 R.K.SCHNEIDER/US TREASURER

Penalty for presenting fraudulent claim: Fine of up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both, 18 U.S.C. §§ 152 and 3571.

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CLERK OF COURT USBANKRUPTCY COURT POBOX 61288 HOUSTON TX 77208

> RE: STAGE STORES, INC CASE# 00-35078-H2-11

Enclosed you will find our properly executed Proof of Claim on the above referenced bankruptcy.

Please see that this claim is filed and acknowledged so we will know that our interests are protected.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely, △

Carol Hoye

Major Account Analyst

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